

Introduced by Senator HollingsworthFebruary 20, 2004

An act to amend Section 52122.5 of the Education Code, relating to class size reduction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1700, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Public schools: class size reduction.

Existing law establishes the Class Size Reduction Program to provide funding to school districts to reduce class size in kindergarten and grades 1 to 3, inclusive, to not more than 20 pupils per certificated teacher. A school district establishing a class size reduction program with funds from the program is required to reduce class size at each schoolsite according to specified priorities.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52122.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 52122.5. (a) A school district applying for funds for the
4 1996–97 or 1997–98 school year to implement a Class Size
5 Reduction Program pursuant to Option One, as a part of its
6 application for that funding, may request that the State Board of
7 Education grant the school district a two-year authorization to
8 have a teacher-pupil ratio that averages 1 to 20, whether or not each



1 group of 20 pupils is enrolled in a separate class; provided that
2 there is not less than one full-time certificated teacher hired for
3 each group of 20 pupils for each grade level for which Option One
4 funding is requested. The State Board of Education may grant that
5 authorization even though the pupils may be in groups of greater
6 than 20 pupils for a portion of the full regular schoolday. The State
7 Board of Education shall not renew or extend the authorization
8 granted for any schoolsite pursuant to this section for any
9 additional period of time. This subdivision ~~shall not be~~ *is not*
10 applicable to applications for funding for the 1998–99 and
11 subsequent school years.

12 (b) The State Board of Education may grant an authorization
13 to proceed under subdivision (a) if all of the following
14 requirements are met:

15 (1) The schoolsite or schoolsites for which the waiver is
16 requested is currently operating on a multitrack year-round
17 education calendar.

18 (2) The school district has documented to the satisfaction of the
19 board that special circumstances exist at the schoolsite or
20 schoolsites, including, but not limited to, the schoolsite or
21 schoolsites are so crowded that if any additional area at the
22 schoolsite or schoolsites is utilized for the purposes of providing
23 the additional facilities necessary to meet the requirements of this
24 chapter, that utilization would result in a severe impairment of the
25 adequacy of the education program or programs at that schoolsite
26 or those schoolsites.

27 (3) The school district submits a plan demonstrating to the
28 satisfaction of the board that it will fully meet the requirements of
29 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section
30 52122 pertaining to Option One funding for the grade levels for
31 which the two-year authorization is requested pursuant to this
32 section upon the expiration of that authorization.

